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Dear Colleagues:

The 2003 Behavioral Sciences Short Course will be held 11-14 August 2003 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This year's course will be held in conjunction with the 6th Annual Force Health Protection Conference, hosted by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

The conference theme is "***Force Health Protection – A Military Imperative.***" The conference mission is to advance technology; to better sustain the soldier in garrison or during deployments that may involve CBRNE or Weapons of Mass Destruction; to provide information of benefit to first responders; and to bolster everyday response capabilities.

The Behavioral Sciences Short Course is a separate track of this conference. Our specific theme is "***Behavioral Health Transformation.***" Papers, presentation, and posters submitted should follow this theme and fit into one of the following categories:

- ***Screening*** to treat proactively those most 'at risk' for behavioral health dysfunction
- ***Surveillance*** for domestic violence, substance abuse and behavioral health dysfunction indicators
- Systematic and integrated behavioral health ***data*** collection and analysis
- ***Accessible*** and career "safe" pre-clinical and clinical interventions that are workplace-centric
- ***Integrated*** behavioral health services delivery for domestic violence, substance abuse, and behavioral health dysfunction
- Single ***portal of entry*** into behavioral health care system with a common *core evaluation*
- Objective behavioral health ***program evaluation***

Please go the Force Health Protection website at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/fhp/CallForPapersOverview.aspx> to submit your proposals. When submitting, indicate that your proposal is for the **Behavioral Health track**. Please note that **deadline for submission is 14 February 2003**.

CBRNE training is now required for all Army Short Course attendees prior to the actual course. This conference link will provide with the specifics: <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/fhp/Register.aspx>.

Finally, please make your **Hotel Reservations immediately** for the conference. There are limited hotel rooms and the hotel rooms closer to the convention center will go quick. The conference website provides you with the necessary details: <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/fhp/Hotels.aspx>

We appreciate your submissions. For further information please contact:

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